4	Gujarat, Diu & Daman & Dadra & Nagar Haveli	53,250
5	Jammu & Kashmir	12,860
6	Karnataka & Goa	73,240
7	Kerala & Lakashadweep	73,690
8	Madhya Pradesh	77,600
9	Maharashtra	93,250
10	North Eastern Region	61,830
11	Orissa	43,550
12	Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh	1,06,215
13	Rajasthan	44,380
14	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andman & Nicobar Islands	95,780
15	Uttar Pradesh	1,32,290
16	West Bengal & Sikkim	93,135
		11,48,380

LCA/PTA Projects

1427. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of (i) Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and (ii) Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) projects; and

(b) the amount so far spent on these projects and when they are going to be inducted into the force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) After completion of Project Definition Phase (PDP); the Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) of LCA has commenced in April 90 and would be carried out in two phases. Critical technologies for LCA are planned to be demonstrated in Phase I of FSED, which is already in progress. Phase II envisages integration of various other technologies being developed parallely during Phase I. The first flight of the Technology Demonstrator is planned in June 96.

The project for development of an indigenous Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) against Inter-Services qualitative Requirements is nearing completion in Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bangalore.

After completion of User-Evaluation by the end of this year, Limited Series Production is proposed to be undertaken at HAL, Bangalore.

(b) The amount spent so far on LCA is Rs. 580 crores upto end June 93. LCA is to be inducted into Service-use around 2004. The amount spent so far on PTA is Rs. 21 crores. PTA is expected to be inducted into Service-use in 1995.

Procurement of bulldozers for Indian Air Force

1428. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delays in the procurement of bulldozers required to control unwieldy growth of vegetation around the runways resulted into flight safety hazards for the Indian Air

Force as reported in the "Hindustan Times" dated 30th June, 1993 under the newsitem entitled, "Red-tapism bulldozers IAF Safety steps"; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Delay in the procurement of bulldozers was not allowed to affect Flight Safety; as alternative arrangements to control unwieldy growth of vegetation around runways were continuing.

Russian offer of T-80 U Tanks to India

1429. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has offered its latest tank T-80 U to India;

(b) whether these new tanks besides using normal ammunition also fire rockets;

(c) if so, whether Government have accepted the Russian offer; and

(d) if so, the number of tanks supplied so far to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) There is no proposal for the import of any tank from Russsa, including the Russian T-80 U tank. No other information can be divulged in the interest of national security.

Family pension endorsement facility

1430. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that family pension endorsement facility has been extended to all Defence Service Pensioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the number of Defence personnel to be benefited with this move;

(c) whether such facility is available to civilian employees also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor with the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The endorsement of family pension entitlement is being made on the Pension Payment Order of all Defence personnel including civilians irrespective of their date of retirement since 1988.

Approximately, 2000 Commissioned Officers and 40,000 personnel below Officer rank and 12,000 Defence Civilians are being benefited by this facility every year.

Navy and Coast Guard operation to check smuggling

1431. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a joint Navy and Coast Guard operation in West Coast to check smuggling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of success achieved so far in the matter of controlling smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details cannot be divulged at this stage in the interest of operations.

Strengthening the coast guards

1432. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press newsitem captioned 'Coast Guard not equipped' as reported in the Times of India dated 9-6-93;